

JFAN Connector 26th September 2025

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are over half way through the first half-term of this academic year. Each day I get to talk to so many students and visits lots of lessons; I never grow tired of sharing with parents, staff and guests what an amazing school this is. I continue to be extremely pleased regarding the changes we are making and welcome the positive feedback we receive. After some beautiful sunshine earlier in the week, we ended the week with a wet Friday. If you bring your children to school in the wet weather please do allow a little longer for the journey as traffic can be busy at the start of the day and it is important all students arrive on time for their tutor lesson. We are implementing our positive points system and will be sending postcards and certificates as students reach the thresholds. We are looking forward to presenting our first 'bronze badge' before the end of the term so please do talk to your children about the positive points they are receiving. From this week we will share the weekly house points. Each half-term we will give an award to the winning house. We are looking forward to seeing parents at our Parent Partners on the 21st October; please find more details below.

Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Academy Principal

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



Parent Partners

The first Parent Partners will be on Tuesday 21st October at 6:00 pm. This event will take place each half term and it is an opportunity for parents and carers to come in and hear a presentation from a member of the Senior Team or a member of staff. This gives us a chance to come together to work on an aspect of school improvement such as communication, progress reporting to parents or our inclusion culture. This discussion is open to all parents and carers as a school improvement focus. Please complete the short form here to send in any questions you have and to let us know if you will be attending.

Reminders

Book Donations

If you have any books that are in good condition and are suitable for students between the ages of 10 - 16 that you no longer want please feel free to donate these to our school. We would like to have a few 'book swap' areas around the academy as part of our 'Reading School' strategy.

Attendance



Attendance Update

Please find below attendance for each year group for the week commencing 15th September. As a reminder we would be expecting each year group to be over 97% each week.

Year 7 - 97.86

Year 8 - 94.86

Year 9 – 91.52

Year 10 - 91.01

Year 11 - 93.29

"Great days begin with showing up—let's make today amazing!"

Thank you for your attendance this week. You make every day great!

Careers and Post 16

Post 16 destinations Open Evenings

Below is a list of upcoming Open Evenings that may be of interest to year 11 families. More information highlighting post 16 opportunities will be sent out next week

Bishops Stortford College 8th October

Saffron Walden County High School 22nd of October

Herts and Essex High School 11th November

Bishops Stortford High School 5th November

Hockerill College 22nd November

Birchwood High School Date to be confirmed

Work Experience

On Thursday the 9th of October we will holding a webinar for Year 10 families. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about the work experience that year 10 will be doing in the summer term, the webinar starts at 5.00 pm

Enrichment



At our Academy, we believe that co-curricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded education. They offer a range of benefits that support our students in developing aspiration, showing respect, and building a strong sense of responsibility. Through participating in these activities, students are encouraged to:

- Aspire to reach their full potential by exploring new interests and talents
- Show respect by working collaboratively with peers and staff in a positive and inclusive environment
- Take responsibility for their own personal growth and learning beyond the classroom

Co-curricular involvement also helps to:

- Enhance academic performance
- Boost self-esteem and emotional well-being
- Provide meaningful social opportunities
- Develop essential life and leadership skills

• Strengthen applications for sixth form, college, or university

We are proud to offer a wide and diverse range of clubs this term, and we hope your child will take full advantage of these opportunities—to aspire confidently, act with respect, and grow with responsibility.

The full timetable is available on our website <u>here</u>.

House Points

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Weekly house points

- 28 Banstead
- 38 Caius
- 16 Frankland
- 24 Morden
- 24 Saxie
- 28 Thompson
- 28 Trappes

Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday 6th October Year 7 Road Safety awareness

Wednesday 8th October Immunisations

Thursday 9th October 5.00-6.00 pm Year 10 WEX launch Webinar

Friday 10th October Year 7 Talk the Talk Workshop

Monday 13th October Year 11 Exam Information Evening

Tuesday 21st October Parent Partners 6.00 pm

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - Half Term

Friday 28th November INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils

Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term

Staff Profile



1 - Hello! I am Mr Jones, I am new to JFAN this year and I teach Science to Years 7–10. I am part of the Banstead family as a Year 7 form tutor, with passions from the tiny wonders of microbiology to the vast mysteries of space. Students can expect to explore every corner of science, no matter the size of the subject!

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any property, items of uniform or equipment please check the photographs to see if you recognise anything. Items will be stored in student reception ready for collection.



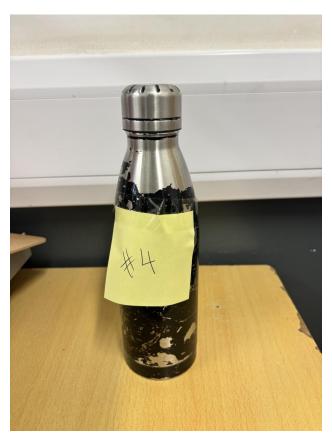




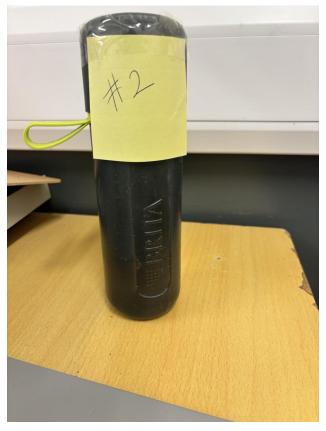


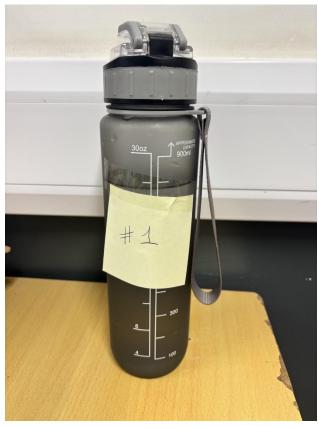












JFAN PTA



Now known as JFAN PTA, formerly referred to as the Newport Parents Association (NPA), is a registered charity (289783). Our mission is to bring together those with parental responsibilities and teaching staff to raise vital funds to buy items or provide support for JFAN students not covered by the school budget. For example, our recent projects include; upgrading the library, updates to the medical room, therapy and counselling sessions, provision of sport and dance equipment and covering costing for travel to career events.

We need three types of volunteers:

Firstly, you can sign up as an Events Volunteer, sparing just an hour or two at a school event or uniform sale.

Secondly, new Committee Member Volunteers, we meet on a 6-weekly basis in our local waterhole, allocating funds, brainstorming ideas on fundraising and finalising arrangements for events with the PTA Board members.

Lastly, we are looking to recruit to our new Supportive Volunteer roles, to work in the background, helping to improve our income generation, these roles include; social media, website administrator, graphic design and researcher for grants and local community funding. If these are areas that you work within or are interested in — **We Need You!!**

If you're interested in getting involved and would like to find out more, please contact our chair Kerinda Trigg via the academy's administration email address. ifaadmin@joycefrankland.org

Tuesday 11th November PTA AGM

JFAN PTA **Uniform sales** take place on the first Saturday of the month at Newport Farmers Market.

Easyfundraising

The JFAN PTA have recently joined Easy fundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping site and now need your help. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend online to the Academy. It won't cost you any extra, the cost is covered by the brand. All you need to do is sign up here and provide a few details to set up your profile and download the app. You will be notified automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

Safeguarding Team



Role:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Deputy DSL(s)

Named safeguarding governor

Chair of Governors

Trust Safeguarding Lead

School Online Safety Lead

School Prevent Lead

Name and contact details:

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Margaret Sherwin

Nigel Poad

Camilla Saunders

Lee Gamble

Dan Langley

Designated teacher for Children in Care and children previously in care (CiC) Lee Gamble

Senior Mental Health Lead Emma Brockwell and Dan Langley



2 - Whisper

Whisper is our online reporting tool which supports our existing safeguarding practices and allows us to take effective action quickly. Students can report concerns for welfare, bullying or if they just need someone to talk to about a problem in school or at home and can be made anonymously if they wish.

The link is here Whisper

Vacancies



Details for all the current Academy and Anglian Learning vacancies can be found on our website here

Contact Us



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